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Captain Kratin visited the CDU state chairmen in Schwerin, Potsdam, Halle, Weimar and Dresden during the week 27 July to 2 August 1947. Long conversations were held concerning Jacob Kaiser and his policies. Kratin criticized the state chairmen for submitting to Kaiser's policies. He urged the chairmen to sign a resolution stating that they are not opposed to a broadening of the antifascist bloc by the inclusion of the "non-partisan organizations". Kratin left no doubt that Karlshorst is seriously displeased with the resolution sponsored by Kaiser rejecting a broadening of the bloc.

25X1X **Comment:** CDU circles regard this action of Kratin's as the first move in a general Russian attack on Kaiser. Kratin dropped the remark that "Kaiser is not irreplaceable". This is the first time that Kratin has visited the state capitals to talk to CDU leaders; previously he had met them officially only in Berlin.)

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